

1 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

2 COUNTY OF COOS

3 STATE OF OREGON

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5 In the Matter of Declaring a Local Drought Emergency in ) RESOLUTION  
Coos County ) 15-06-080L  
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7 NOW BEFORE THE Board of Commissioners sitting for the transaction of County  
8 business on the 11th day of June, 2015 is the matter of declaring a local drought emergency in  
9 Coos County;

10 WHEREAS, Coos County has received below normal rainfall for this water year, and  
11 only two-thirds of normal rainfall for the month of May, 2015;

12 WHEREAS, due to the lack of winter rainfall, many domestic water wells have gone dry  
13 and have not recovered sufficiently to date;

14 WHEREAS, due to this lack of rainfall, the stream flow rates are near record lows,  
15 averaging about one-third of normal, and there is little chance of recovery;

16 WHEREAS, local agricultural interests rely exclusively on stream flow water for  
17 irrigation as opposed to reservoir storage;

18 WHEREAS, the weather predictions for the rest of the year do not demonstrate the  
19 potential for recovery with above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation predicted  
20 for the summer season;

21 WHEREAS, the above conditions will result in severe economic hardship to Coos  
22 County, including shortages of livestock forage, smaller than average hay crops, loss of  
23 agricultural interests, severe impact to domestic water wells, and increased chance of wildfires;

24 WHEREAS; Coos County does not have adequate resources to respond to these threats;  
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1 WHEREAS, the Coos County Board of Commissioners has determined that  
2 extraordinary measures must be taken to protect or mitigate economic and agricultural loss and  
3 to be responsive to the threat of wildfires.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that a local drought emergency is  
5 declared within Coos County;

6 IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate response is beyond the capability of  
7 Coos County and a local emergency is declared for the purpose of assessment, evaluation and  
8 acquiring the ability to provide appropriate available resources;

9 IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby requests that the  
10 Honorable Kate Brown, Governor of Oregon, declare that a State of Drought Emergency exists  
11 for all of Coos County under the provision of 401.165 due to severe and continuing drought  
12 conditions beginning at this time and continuing until December 31, 2015;

13 IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby requests that the  
14 Honorable Kate Brown, Governor of Oregon, direct the U.S Secretary of Agriculture to issue a  
15 Disaster Declaration for Coos County.  
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18 Dated this 11th day of June, 2015.  
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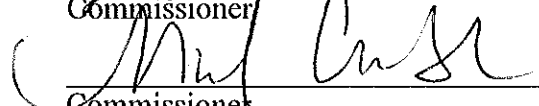
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